

GERMANS GIVEN JOYOUS RECEPTION IN WARSAW

Inhabitants Fill Streets and Welcome Troops With Every Sign of Real Enthusiasm.

POLISH PEASANTS GO TO FARMS

Drive Their Livestock Before Them and Convey Household Effects. Very Little Damage Done in City Proper.

BERLIN, August 7 (via London).—

The German troops were welcomed to undamaged Warsaw as liberators, according to the report of Kurt Aram, correspondent of the Lokal Anzeiger. Telegraphing under date of August 5, Aram places emphasis on the statement that the city was not evacuated without a conflict. The troops were protected by barbed wire, trenches, pitfalls and mines against infantry attacks.

The inhabitants, the correspondent says, filled the streets and welcomed the marching troops with every sign of real enthusiasm and rejoicing. The streets were richly belaguered. The Polish peasants, who long had been restrained in the city, began leaving in the early morning for their farms, driving their live stock and conveying their household effects. They greeted the Germans with tears.

The Warsaw correspondent of the Berliner Tageblatt confirms the report that the German troops met with a joyous reception. The streets, he says, were filled with Poles, Jews, Germans and Russians, who waved their hats joyfully to the soldiers. Many of the inhabitants even were standing in the vicinity of the castle, although an infantry battle with the Russians was proceeding to the east of the building.

The electric street cars were running as usual, the correspondent says, and almost all the shops were open. Very little damage had been done in the city proper. The earthworks about the forts show the German artillery made many fair hits.

The correspondent at Rangoon of the Lokal Anzeiger points out the occupation of that fortress in itself is less important than the fact that it makes possible an important increase of concentration on the Russian troops in South Poland. The offensive of the armies of Archduke Joseph Ferdinand and Field Marshal von Mackensen, he adds, continuing in the north and on the yet unchanged East Galician front, and is likely soon to make itself felt.

COURTHOUSE RING

ALLEGED BY POWELL

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that I can furnish the proof of his political corruption, if necessary."

CHICHESTER'S FRIENDS

EXPRESS INDIGNATION

Several members, personal and intimate friends of Judge Chichester, gathered at the doorway leading into the lobby and expressed indignation while taking counsel among themselves as to what action they should pursue.

The speaker in the House was standing, regarding the house in silence, but with defiance in his face. At this tense climax several members shouted almost simultaneously motion to adjourn. The Speaker's gavel fell. He declared the House adjourned. The sensational episode occurred on March 5.

When the body reconvened that day, the House adopted a resolution requesting Mr. Powell to put his charges in writing and submit them for action. At the morning session on the following day, March 11, the Spotsylvania member presented the written allegations, which were referred to the Committee of the House. Judge Chichester, having been advised by wire of the attack on his integrity by Mr. Powell, hurried to Richmond in time to face his accuser when the Committee of the House met that afternoon. Mr. Powell appeared before the committee, and not only repeated, but amplified by verbal statements his charges against Judge Chichester. Judge Chichester was permitted to make reply. He emphatically denied that he had been guilty of wrongdoing. His answer to the charges was a sweeping denial of the material allegations.

PURITY OF JUDICIARY

DEMANDS INVESTIGATION

In its report the Committee on Courts of Justice, Walter Tamm, Oliver, chairman, said: "The purity of the judiciary and the good of the Commonwealth demand that a full and complete investigation of the charges against Judge Chichester be had in such manner as the House of Delegates may determine."

At this session the House adopted a resolution providing for an investigation by a special committee of five, to be named by the speaker, the vote on the resolution being taken just five minutes before midnight.

On Saturday, March 13, the General Assembly adjourned sine die. It was not until Friday, March 19, that Speaker Cox announced his appointments to the committee.

POWELL OUTLINES

CHARGES IN WRITING

Delegate Powell specified in his written complaint various alleged instances of corrupt practices by Judge Chichester. Among them the more important read as follows:

"That in my native county of Spotsylvania, a politics was considered by the Hon. R. H. L. Chichester in making the appointment of officers which the law now imposes upon him."

"That he recently appointed Fred Frazier, who is deputy treasurer of Spotsylvania, in the place of Marmelade P. White, a Farmer, but who does not belong to the county ring."

"That he also appointed E. T. Hudson, a member of the said electoral board, in the place of G. W. Perry, a Farmer, but who does not belong to the county ring."

"That he also appointed the said Fred Frazier a land assessor for 1914, in said county, in defiance of the wishes of an overwhelming majority of the property owners and taxpayers of his district, as expressed in a petition presented to said judge, but in response to the wishes of a few members of what is commonly known as the ring."

"That the appointment of Fred Frazier, deputy treasurer of Spotsylvania County, as a member of the electoral board to take part in appointing the judges and clerks of the election in which his principal, the present treasurer of Spotsylvania County, will be a candidate for re-election, is the success of which the said Fred Frazier is financially and personally interested, was in defiance of and contrary to paragraph 3 of section 21 of

Scenes in Connection With Fighting in East



German Red Cross Dogs Following Army



Galician Refugees Returning Home

UPPER PICTURE.—So valuable an acquisition has the Red Cross dog become that the ambulance divisions of the warring armies would as soon think of going to the front without their first-aid kits as to leave behind them their four-footed aids. The photograph shows a detail of ambulance men, accompanied by their dogs, en route with the German army into Russia.

LOWER PICTURE.—Following closely on the evacuation of Lemberg by the Russians, the Galician refugees, who had fled before the approach of the Czar's forces, started their homeward march. Though they had but few earthly possessions, having left most of them behind in the exodus, they were happy in the thought that they were returning home. The photograph shows them on the march, homeward bound.

the Virginia Constitution.

"That the said R. H. L. Chichester had taken oath to support this Constitution when he became judge."

ALLEGED ELECTION

FIXED IN SPOTSYLVANIA

"That among the frauds practiced at elections in Spotsylvania County, which I personally know, was the erasure of R. M. Usher, a legally qualified voter, registered at Thornburg precinct, Berkeley district, from the voting list of November 4, 1912."

"I will furnish evidence of many other election frauds of which I have information to the courts of justice committee when it comes to Spotsylvania to investigate the matter, together with complete proof from eyewitnesses of the one instance above referred to."

In his written charges, Delegate Powell relates that "in January, 1912, the clerk of the Circuit Court of Spotsylvania died. He had been elected at the preceding November election for a term of eight years. Judge Chichester appointed A. H. Crismond, the incumbent, as a former clerk's successor for the unexpired term. H. A. Crismond, his son, and a deputy clerk under J. P. H. Crismond, who in 1903 fled the county and went to parts unknown to escape prosecution for embezzling several thousands of dollars from the county and State's finances passing through his hands."

"The appointment of A. H. Crismond by Judge Chichester for the unexpired term was against the wishes of what is believed to have been the overwhelming majority of the people of Spotsylvania County, and over the protest of the largest and most representative committee that ever assembled in my legislative district for a purpose of this kind."

"I am reliably informed that it was made at the request of former Judge A. T. Embrey, Messrs. C. H. F. W. and R. S. Coleman, all of whom, except C. R. and T. S. Coleman, were non-residents of Spotsylvania County."

APPOINTMENT OF WALLER

AS COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY

He accuses Judge Chichester of appointing, contrary to the wishes of a majority of the voters of Spotsylvania, former Judge R. H. L. Chichester, Attorney of Commonwealth's Attorney to succeed T. S. Coleman, who died in July, 1913. Powell had applied for the office, says that he was supported by a majority of the voters, and that the

appointment of Waller was made "at the request of some members of the Fredericksburg bar, residing outside of the county, among them W. W. Butzner, a member of the Republican State Committee, and some of the county officers and supervisors, among them R. C. Blaydes, Republican county chairman."

He further says: "I will submit evidence as to the bi-partisan ring in Spotsylvania when the committee comes to Spotsylvania." He charges that the appointment of Waller was unlawful, because the former judge was not a practicing attorney; that he had not practiced since 1884, and did not take out license until the vacancy occurred."

He adds: "I desire the right to introduce evidence of other election frauds and appointments before the investigating committee."

CHICHESTER MAKES

PROMPT DENIAL

Immediately on the filing of the Powell charges, Judge Chichester made the following reply: "My attention was called this afternoon by long distance phone from Richmond to charges made by Delegate Powell, of Spotsylvania County, to the effect, first, that I was packing the electoral board presumably of Spotsylvania County so that I may control the next primaries, and second, that I had knowingly appointed a deputy treasurer as a member of the electoral board in violation of the Constitution of Virginia."

"Immediately upon the receipt of this message I came to Richmond to demand proof of these charges by such means as the Legislature might see fit to provide. I understand that a resolution has been proposed calling on Mr. Powell to produce his proof. This resolution meets with my hearty approval. I also understand that some effort has been made by some members of the Legislature and others who, of course, feel assured that the charges have no foundation in fact, to get Mr. Powell to withdraw his charges. I appreciate the good intentions and kindness of these people, but I must insist that if Mr. Powell thinks he can prove his charges or believe them to be true, that he be required to produce his proof."

"If his charges have a semblance of truth in them and the Legislature do not remove me, I ought to resign and I would do so. A simple withdrawal

of the charges unaccompanied by a statement from Mr. Powell accuses me of no truth in them would therefore be unsatisfactory to me."

DENIES HAVING MADE

ANY ULTIMOR MOTIVE

"In reference to the first charge, I will say that I have never made any appointment to any office with any ulterior motives in view. Certainly I have never had in view my own personal interests. Even if I had any desire to do the things Mr. Powell accuses me of, I have been in public life long enough to know that the best possible assurance of re-election to office, especially to judicial office, is a conscientious discharge of duty. Four years as Commonwealth's attorney for Stafford County, seven years as county judge of Stafford and King George Counties, and between four and five years as Circuit Judge of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit have confirmed this conviction. I live in Stafford County, four miles from Fredericksburg, and consequently know only a limited number of people in any of the counties of my circuit except Stafford. As required by law, I make a great number of appointments in all these counties."

"I am forced to rely, in making these appointments, upon the recommendations of persons in whom I have confidence. I never make any appointment unless I am satisfied of the honesty and efficiency of the person recommended."

"This is the rule I have adhered to, and I presume it is followed by judges all over the State, where personal acquaintance is limited there is no other safe method."

"This is the plan I followed in appointing Mr. Frazier, but in this case, after Mr. Frazier had been recommended, I knew from my personal acquaintance

with him that he was absolutely honest and above suspicion. He was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Harris, who resigned. So far as I know the members of the electoral board in every county in my circuit are absolutely honest men and would not countenance any fraud in elections for a minute."

"If it happens that any of them are not, the absolutely reliable men who recommended them were mistaken. This charge, as I view it, involves two propositions, first, that the men appointed were not at all crooked; and second, that he knew them to be such when I appointed them. I respectfully submit that Mr. Powell can prove neither of these propositions."

DID NOT KNOW FRAZIER WAS DEPUTY TREASURER

"The second charge, that I knowingly appointed Mr. Frazier in violation of the Constitution, is also untrue. It is true that Mr. Frazier is a deputy treasurer, but of course I did not know it at the time or did not think of it or have it called to my attention. If it had been, I would not have appointed him; there could have been no reason for so doing. There is some legal question as to his eligibility, but I would have taken no chance."

"Finally, I dislike the unpleasant notoriety attached to this matter, but I feel that the judiciary in Virginia should be above suspicion in all respects, and any and every charge from whatever source or of whatever nature, however ill-founded, should be fully cleared up. This is my wish in this instance."

More than 100 witnesses have been summoned at the request of Delegate Powell and Judge Chichester to testify before the committee at Fredericksburg. Among the witnesses summoned at Mr. Powell's behest is Governor Stuart. Delegate Powell has also requested that the clerks of the several courts in the Fifteenth District be required to produce certified copies of all orders entered in chancery causes in their respective courts since 1911. Governor Stuart is also asked to produce papers bearing upon certain cases from the Circuit Court of Spotsylvania County, which are specified by Judge Chichester's accuser.

Fined for Trespass

Sam Tally and Dorsey Foust were each fined \$10 and costs yesterday by Magistrate H. S. Sumner for trespassing on the property of Charles Propst at Highland Springs. Attorney J. N. Turner represented the defense and James T. Lewis appeared for the Commonwealth.

Foust sold Propst a horse and wagon some time ago, and, on the failure of Propst to make a payment he had promised, Foust and Tally went over and proceeded to hitch the horse to the wagon for the return home. Propst said he was never consulted in the matter, and at one swore out a trespass warrant.

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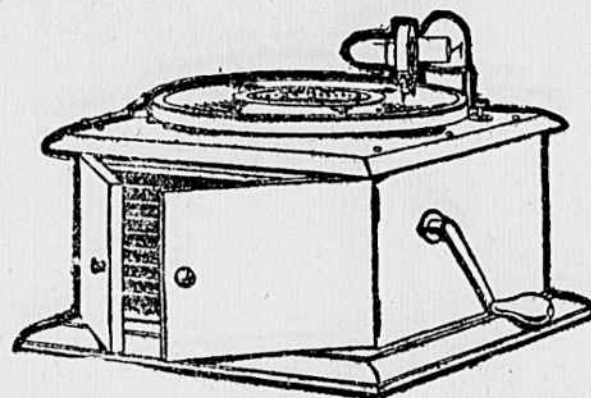
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